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## 40 YEARS BEHIND BARS

Travis Baumgartner is seen here being taken out of a van by Canadian Border Services officers at the Aldergrove, B.C., border crossing Saturday, June 16, 2012. Baumgartner, who pleaded guilty to the murders of three of his co-workers in an Edmonton shooting last year, was given a 40-year sentence before being eligible for parole, the harshest such penalty handed down since 1962. Story, page 3.

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# Minister: 40-plus students in a class 'isn't acceptable'

## Record enrolment.

Initial counts indicate 3,300 more Calgary public school students



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Alberta's education minister is hoping parents will be his eyes on the ground as reports emerge of 40 or more students crammed into some high-school classrooms and some kids being forced to sit on the floor.

"That isn't acceptable," Jeff Johnson said Wednesday. "If there are specific situations like that, I want to know about them."

The Alberta Teachers' Association local has turned to social media with the message "40 is the new 30," as it claims to be receiving widespread reports of educators dealing with an influx of senior-high students. This comes in the wake of a springtime decision by Calgary Board of Education administrators to slash per-student funding in high school by 11 per cent in a bid to protect funding for younger learners.

Spokesperson Megan

## Quoted



"Every student is going to be funded to the same level this year as they were last year."

Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson

Geyer said the board has also begun surveying area directors to get a sense of classroom challenges being faced at the high-school level. She confirmed that many schools are reporting class sizes in the high 30s or low 40s, adding one class sampled had 47 kids packed in.

But Geyer cautioned that timetable shuffling and hiring of additional teachers could help level out those numbers in the weeks ahead.

"High-school principals will be working with their staff and students to try to adjust the student population accordingly," she said. "When we have our final enrolment numbers at the end of September, it tells a much better story about what our class sizes are."

Still, parents like Bruce Ayrton couldn't help but express frustration at the situation.

He chose to enrol his son in a private school for the first time this fall, largely because he feared the fall-out of funding cuts at nearby Queen Elizabeth High School and William Aberhart High School.

He said parents and students he knows in the neighbourhood are now reporting core-subject classes being packed to the rafters with as many as 45 students.

"The situation there is not good for learning," he said.

"I mean, some kids can succeed in a class of 45 kids. It's kind of like university — the teacher's going to stand in front, give the lecture and assign homework — but there's going to be no individual attention."

Geyer, however, pointed to the average CBE high school class over the past three years, which have fluctuated between 25.9 kids per class to 26.8 in 2012-13, as indication the situation would improve.

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# Justice? 'Back in the old days you hang them'

## Grieving families

### 'My wife is still dead': Newlywed

Brian Ilesic was a father, brother and friend.

Newlywed Michelle Shegelski was a wonderful, witty person who never had the chance to see her wedding photos.

Eddie Rejano was a devoted dad and his two young boys are learning to be men without him.

Grieving family members spoke to the media following the precedent-setting decision.

A fourth guard, Matthew Schuman, who survived a bullet to the head, did not attend the court proceedings.

There was a range of reactions to the sentence.

"It gave us some hope that within our justice system we can count on the fact that when there is a multiple murder that there is going to be honouring of more than one victim, more than one loss of life," said Brian Ilesic's aunt, Janet Stosky.

"You call it justice, sure, justice — but my way of justice is back in the old days you hang them," said Rejano's brother, Joseph Rejano.

"My wife is still dead. Now I get to contribute my tax money to keep her killer alive," said Michelle Shegelski's husband Victor.

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO



Joseph Rejano, brother of Eddie Rejano who was killed by Travis Baumgartner, speaks to media after the sentencing of Baumgartner in Edmonton on Wednesday.  
JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### 'Cold-blooded killer.' Travis Baumgartner was given a precedent-setting sentence and won't be eligible for parole until he's 61



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Triple-murderer Travis Baumgartner was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 40 years Wednesday.

It took Associate Chief Justice John Rooke three hours to hand down the precedent-

setting decision, which is the harshest sentence in Canada since 1962.

In June 2012, Baumgartner, a trainee armoured-car guard with G4S Cash Solutions, gunned down four of his co-workers at the University of Alberta, killing three of them and leaving one with serious injuries.

Earlier this week, court heard that Baumgartner was in debt after purchasing a new truck and had fought with his mother about rent in the hours before the shooting.

On Wednesday, Rooke told a packed courtroom Baumgartner's crimes were "horrendous" and "cowardly" and

referred to Baumgartner as a "cold-blooded killer" and a "pariah of human life."

Baumgartner remained expressionless in the prisoner's box, often closing his eyes, as the judge read lengthy excerpts from some of the 24 victim-impact statements, detailing the shock, horror, heartbreak and grief of the victims' family members, many of whom sat in the courtroom.

"It requires a strong stomach even to read these emotional pleas," said Rooke.

Baumgartner, who is 22, will be 61 years old in 2052 when he will be eligible to apply for parole.

He is the first multiple-

murderer sentenced under a federal law passed in late 2011 that allows sentences to be served consecutively instead of concurrently.

Following the ruling, chief Crown prosecutor Steven Bilodeau said the sentence sends a message that it matters if more than one person has been murdered.

"Murderers who kill more than one (person) should be punished more," said Bilodeau.

"Travis Baumgartner is more guilty and that is reflected in the sentence he will be serving for the horrors that he committed in our city."

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# Calgary poised to add 60 cabs, reconsider surcharges

Sixty more taxis could be on Calgary's roads before Christmas, pending approval at city council Monday.

Aldermen gave a tentative nod to adding 60 new licences to the city's existing fleet of 1,466 vehicles, and the matter goes to full council on Sept. 16.

During its meeting Wednesday,

the city's transportation committee also put back on the table the idea of adding surcharges to cab fares during peak hours.

Ald. Andre Chabot wants city staff to prepare a report on whether the surcharge would be an effective incentive and help boost the supply of avail-

able taxis during high-demand times.

Taxi and limousine advisory committee chairman Jonathon Campbell, however, said a small extra fee won't convince many cabbies to work late nights.

"If they choose not to work, \$3.50 isn't going to make a difference, when a trip from

downtown to Cranston takes 45 minutes and by the time they come back empty, downtown is a ghost town," Campbell said.

The new licences will come with conditions that the cabs be "in operation both Friday and Saturday nights to help address peak-period demands," Campbell added. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

# Purchase of 60 LRT cars means four-car trains by 2015: Transit

## Improved reliability.

Purchase of new cars means oldest cars in fleet can be retired and used for replacement parts

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It turns out \$200 million can buy more LRT cars than initially thought, as the city announced Wednesday it would purchase at least 60 new vehicles from Siemens Canada.

"The bidding was robust, competitive and, as a result, we have been able to sign a contract today for 60 cars, versus our initial estimate, which was 50 cars," transportation manager Mac Logan said.

At a cost of roughly \$3.2 million per vehicle, it might be possible to buy an extra

car or two when all is said and done, Logan added, depending on fluctuations in the value of the Canadian dollar and other contingencies.

The first new vehicle is to be delivered by August 2015 with the full order to be completed by December 2016.

Transit director Doug Morgan said that means the first four-car C-Trains should be ready to go in mid-to-late 2015.

"By mid-2016 you'll see quite a few four-car trains," Morgan said.

The exact look of the new cars will be decided by a public vote. Calgary Transit plans to ask riders which of three potential front-nose designs they prefer.

Transit officials said the options should be online by next week and voting will be open for about two weeks.

The \$200 million comes from \$133 million in provincial "Green Trip" grants and \$67 million in spending previously approved by council.



There are three proposed designs for the new LRT cars. From top, "The Bow," "The Buffalo," and "The Mask." Calgary Transit will ask the public to vote on which design they prefer. **CONTRIBUTED**

# Council to vote on snowy-day smart signs

Calgary is considering "smart signs" that would light up when a snow-route parking ban is called, to make the restrictions more clear to motorists.

Ald. Richard Pootmans raised the idea at the city's transportation committee meeting Wednesday, and wants council to approve \$25,000 for a pilot project in one community this winter to see how well

the high-tech signs work.

The committee approved the idea with only Ald. Andre Chabot opposed. "It's one of those nice-to-haves versus those need-to-haves," Chabot said. "I can't endorse something that sets an expectation — one community might get it and then all other communities will expect to get it."

Chabot said a cost of \$25,000

by 144 communities in the city would total \$3.6 million.

But Pootmans said the \$25,000 would be for the pilot only and if the city chose to install the signs in more areas the cost would come down. "There are efficiencies," he said. "There are economies of scale."

Council will vote Monday on the proposal.

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Old signs could be obsolete if Calgary opts for high-tech signs. **METRO FILE**





Glenn Jones is back home in northeast Calgary after spending nearly a year in jail before being acquitted of drug and weapon charges. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

# Wrongfully accused man jailed for nearly a year

**Acquitted.** Police alleged Glenn Jones, 58, was dealing a variety of drugs out of his N.E. home



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For 342 days, Glenn Jones sat in a jail cell, usually a good book in hand, waiting for his name to be cleared.

"I read and read and read," he said. "What else are you going to do in there?"

The 58-year-old Calgary resident and two neighbours were slapped with drug- and weapon-related charges in August 2012 in a joint operation between Calgary police and the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams.

At the time, police alleged a home owned by Jones and two others in the same block

of 43 Street N.E. had become a "one-stop shop" of sorts for drugs.

But Jones said officers mistakenly seized medication he had kept stashed in a safe for friend and co-accused Scott McKay Duguay. He also claims officers took a baseball bat belonging to his grandson under the pretense that it was a weapon and an inheritance from his deceased mother they believed was money earned through drug-trafficking.

"This looks like a drug house? C'mon," he said. "I have the windows wide open, flags (on the front lawn), toys out in the back.... I have five kids, four grandchildren. They

come over here and I'm dealing drugs? It doesn't make sense."

Last month, all charges against Jones were dropped, Crown prosecutor Gregory Harlow confirmed.

Calgary police and ALERT representatives said they do not typically comment on matters before the court.

Harlow said Jones did undergo two bail hearings overseen by different judges and both ordered he remain detained. Harlow said Jones' situation is rare, but not unheard of.

"There's no magic to it, just sometimes that happens," he said.

But Jones said even as a free man the damage has been done to his reputation and relationships with his kids.

He is to attend court Thursday in hopes of retaining the property seized during his arrest and plans to sue for personal damages, as well as the cost of repairs to his home, which he claims was "torn apart" by police.

"They stole a year ... they stole everything," he said. "I missed my daughter's wedding. Now, if you go and Google my name it comes up that this is a drug house and I'm a drug dealer."

## Looking for answers

"I have the windows wide open, flags (on the front lawn), toys out in the back.... I have five kids, four grandchildren. They come over here and I'm dealing drugs? It doesn't make sense."

58-year-old Calgary resident Glenn Jones, who was mistakenly detained by Calgary police

## Co-accused

Raymond Michael Carignan, who was charged alongside Glenn Jones, died in jail while a third accused, Scott McKay Duguay, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

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# Calgary Parking Authority to begin upgrading pay machines

**Technology.** Terminals on downtown sidewalks outdated, says general manager



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Parking machines in Calgary's downtown core are due for a facelift.

Troy McLeod, head of the Calgary Parking Authority, said that in the coming weeks his organization will be putting a request forward for upgraded pay machines and likely begin swapping out the current models in the new year.

"The technology has advanced way more than it had in 2007," he said, referring to when the original ParkPlus machines were installed. "We want displays like you would see when

## Transition

- The Calgary Parking Authority plans to swap out about 20 per cent of their pay machines annually starting in 2014 — that's about 100-140 terminals per year, general manager Troy McLeod said.
- The authority began exploring new pay-machine technology more than a year ago, McLeod said.

you go to a movie theatre ... with the touch screens, like your iPad."

McLeod said while the pay machines will remain, his organization is actively working to get more downtown commuters signing on for the authority's smartphone app, which he believes provides a much

more convenient experience.

"With that (app), you only pay for the time you use," he said. "You can just start and stop as opposed to having to guess with the pay machines."

There will also be a push in early 2014 to expand the app to additional platforms, where it currently only runs on the iPhone, McLeod said.

The smartphone offering also allows users to scout available parking stalls in real time and plot their resting spot on a map.

Currently, about 40 per cent of customers use the app or phone service to pay for parking, while the rest rely on the dated pay machines, McLeod said.

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Calgary Parking Authority pay machines like this will be replaced starting in 2014. METRO FILE

# More cases of sexting being reported to police



Calgary police Insp. Mike Bossley said more is being done to educate officers about the potential dangers of sexting and how to provide support to victims. METRO FILE

Calgary police have been made aware of four additional incidents of "sexting" since going public to raise awareness about the potentially harmful activity in June.

Damaging images and videos circulated via cellphone and posted online have led to the suicides of at least two Canadian girls elsewhere in Canada over the past year, and parent advocates have repeatedly urged families to discuss

safe technology practices with their kids.

City police are also attempting to ramp up awareness among their own members, according to Insp. Mike Bossley. He said a joint conference with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection is being planned for month's end that is open to all officers and will provide information about sexting and potential avenues to aid victims.

"We want to make people

## In numbers

# 16

Calgary police have been made aware of 16 sexting cases in 2013, and charges were laid against one teenager who allegedly sent explicit text messages to an ex-girlfriend.

aware that this is still a concern," he said.

Calgary parenting expert Judy Arnall said teens need to be made aware they could be breaking the law by distributing graphic images.

"Kids still don't get it that a photograph lasts forever," she said.

Arnall added she doesn't believe a child needs a cellphone until they begin travelling independently to school and elsewhere.

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Calgary police Staff Sgt. Bruce Walker of the robbery unit talks to media Wednesday about investigations into a string of robberies dating back to 2011 that have yet to uncover any suspects. GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO

# Suspects sought in 9 bank robberies

## Over 2-year span.

Seven suspects remain at large after a string of unrelated incidents

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Police are on the hunt for seven people believed responsible for a string of unrelated robberies over the past two years.

Police said the robberies took place between August 2011 and June of this year.

Seven suspects, who have yet to be identified in the nine alleged crimes, are under inves-

tigation.

The first incident took place at approximately 6 p.m. on Aug. 9, 2011, at a TD in Brentwood. The most recent was June 15 when a man entered the TD Canada Trust in the 1400 block of 1 Street S.E.

According to police, the suspects individually entered each bank and presented a note to the teller, claiming to be armed with a weapon, then fleeing the scene shortly after on foot.

"We just want to assure the people that were unfortunately present at the time of these instances that even though at this point we don't have the identity of the suspects involved, we are still actively investigating

and trying to uncover any leads so that we can identify these individuals and have them arrested," said Calgary police robbery unit Staff Sgt. Bruce Walker.

Police believe that of the seven suspects, two are suspected of robbing more than one bank.

No one from the public has been injured in any of the robberies.

Those with any information concerning the heists are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, ttTIPS.com, via text at ttTIPS to 274637, or contact the Calgary police robbery unit directly at 403-428-8787.

## Edmonton

### Exploitation charges laid

Exploitation charges have been laid against an Edmonton man after it's alleged he was engaging in inappropriate communication with five teenage girls, law-enforcement officials said Wednesday.

Michael John Patterson, 38, of Edmonton, is now facing 15 charges in connection with a series of alleged incidents involving the girls, who range in age from 13 to 17, police said. The investigation began after complaints against Patterson arose due to communication with teens via social media websites. **METRO**

## Health. Friends of Medicare stands by claim that woman in care home bitten by mice

A health-care advocacy group is standing by its claim that a disabled woman in a long-term care home in southern Alberta was bitten by mice.

The allegation made public earlier this week by Friends of Medicare is being refuted by the organization which runs the St. Therese Villa facility in Lethbridge.

Covenant Health has said that while a mouse was seen in the patient's room, there is no medical evidence that the woman was bitten by rodents. It also said that staff did not document anything.

"We stand by what was written in the press release," Shannon Phillips, a Friends of Medicare spokeswoman, said Wednesday from Lethbridge.

"Our press release contained accurate information. It came from reliable sources who work in the facility."

Friends of Medicare said that on Sept. 1, staff saw mice on the face of a woman who has dementia and whose disabilities would have prevented her from removing the rodents. A nest of mice was later found in her closet.

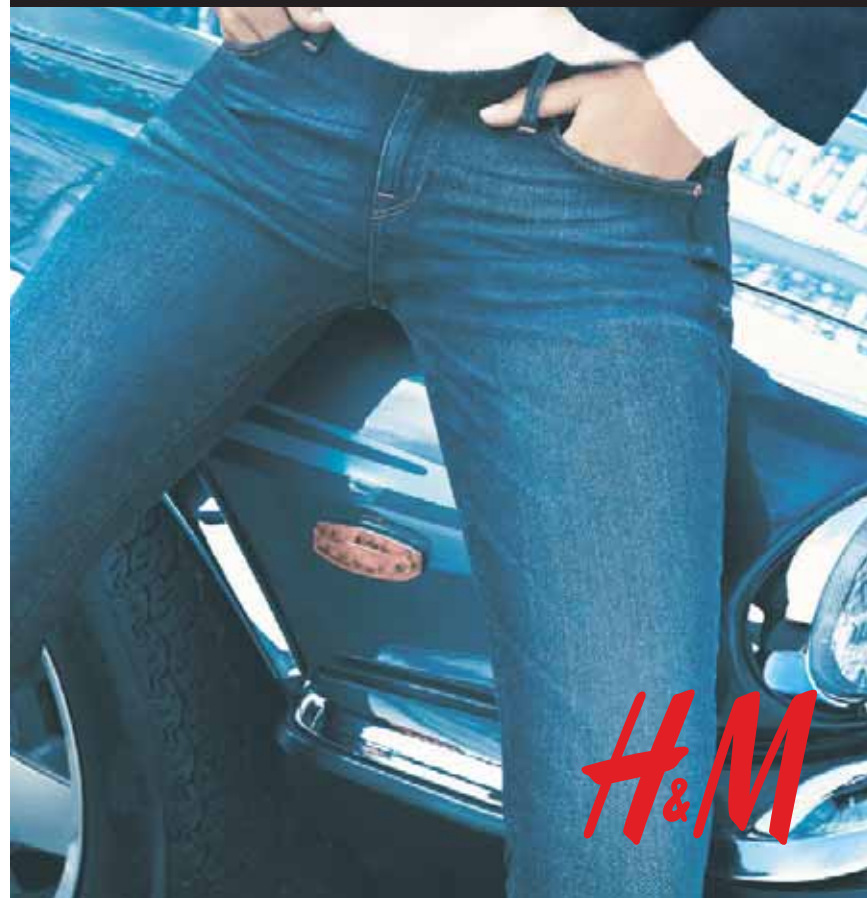
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**Premier Pauline Marois talks to reporters Wednesday about the charter of values.** JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# PQ's charter gets influential support

## Quebec. Civil-service union applauds the Parti Québécois for trying to keep government offices religiously neutral

The Parti Québécois' controversial charter of values has received the staunch support of an influential backer: a union representing provincial civil servants.

The SFPQ union, which has 42,000 members, applauds

**Quoted**

**"I think we need to set clear guidelines for how we live together."**

**Quebec Premier Pauline Marois,** in her first public comments since the plan's release Tuesday. On her way to a cabinet meeting Wednesday, the premier said she was "very proud" of the proposal.

the government for “finally” tabling a policy that would ensure the religious neutrality of government offices.

The PQ plan would forbid Quebec's public employees from wearing more visible re-

ligious symbols — including hijabs, turbans, yarmulkes and larger-than-average crucifixes.

"We're obliged to keep our political opinions to ourselves," union president Lucie Martineau said Wednesday.

"We want that extended to our religious opinions."

Other unions have said they plan to consult members before taking a position.

The plan would be the most sweeping in North America, and critics call it a bureaucratic mess, unconstitutional or even xenophobic.

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## Harper's throne speech to start new session Oct. 16

A speech from the throne will usher in a new session of Parliament on Oct. 16.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will ask the Governor General on Friday to prorogue the current session of Parliament, which had been set to resume next Monday.

Harper has said he wants to lay out the government's agenda for the next two years, leading to a scheduled fall 2015 election, with the throne speech.

A spokesman for Harper said the speech from the throne will focus on jobs and the economy, the same core

issues that won the Conservatives a majority in 2011.

The Opposition NDP has promised to keep pressing the government for answers on the Senate spending scandal that has embroiled three high-profile former Tory senators.

The coming prorogation, which Harper had confirmed in August, has drawn criticism from political opponents who say the government is simply trying to dodge questions about the Senate scandal in the House of Commons.

"The No. 1 priority for this

government, I do not have to tell you, will continue to be jobs and the economy," Harper said during his annual tour of the Arctic last month.

Special emphasis is expected to be placed on cementing a European trade deal and pushing ahead with major energy projects.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, at a summer caucus meeting in Saskatoon, said Harper should never have delayed the return of Parliament.

"We've got very straight-up questions for Stephen Harper, and he can run but he can't hide." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



# Airborne bandit has illegal marijuana growers on high alert

## The Fan-man.

Paraglider believed to sell co-ordinates of illegal crops to criminals

Marijuana growers in Eastern Ontario are keeping their eyes peeled this month for a legendary figure who roams the skies every harvest season: the Fan-man.

"The Fan-man is a guy that goes searching in cornfields for marijuana plants," says a rural property owner, who asked for anonymity for fear of retribution from members of the drug trade.

With a paraglider powered by a fan-like propeller strapped to his back, the Fan-man soars above area cornfields, using a GPS to pin-point places where illegal marijuana grows, he says.

"What he'd do is literally fly real low, looking for these plants. He's been seen around



John Sanzo, 62, demonstrates the sport of fan-powered paragliding. Sanzo says a report of the Fan-man is giving the sport a bad name.  
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the area by a lot of people — and there's most likely more than one."

The Fan-man is believed to sell GPS co-ordinates of illegal weed to criminals, who then camouflage and arm them-

selves at night to steal the plants. They're known in criminal circles as "pot pirates."

A spokesman for the Ottawa police service says the drug section is not aware of the Fan-man.

Uninhabited rural stretches of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec are well-known for illegal pot farming.

The Fan-man apparently hunts for green "holes" in between rows of corn where growers hide illegal marijuana.

The rural property owner first learned about the Fan-man when he spotted a suspicious person soaring low with a powered paraglider over his cornfield.

There are unconfirmed reports of airborne shootouts with shady pot farmers brandishing shotguns.

"It's a hell of a way to ruin the sport," said fan-powered paraglider John Sanzo in an interview.

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## Pope's symbol of simplicity

Pope Francis looks at a Renault 4 donated to him by Rev. Renzo Zocca, priest of Santa Lucia di Pescantina, in Verona, Italy, on Saturday. Zocca, 79, said Wednesday that he has dedicated his life to helping the needy, so when he saw Pope Francis' priority was to reach out to the world's poor, he donated his car as a symbol of this approach.

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## Germany

### Town to strip Hitler's citizenship

A town in central Germany plans to strip Adolf Hitler of his honorary citizenship, 68 years after the Nazi leader's death.

The town assembly of Goslar in Lower Saxony state has set in motion a procedure that would formally remove the title next month.

According to dpa news agency, Hitler had some 4,000 honorary citizenships during his lifetime.

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## Boston

### Airport apologizes for 9/11 fire drill

Officials at Boston's Logan International Airport are apologizing for holding a fire drill, complete with smoke and flames, on the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The two jets that were flown into the World Trade Center flew out of Logan.

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# How much money are Canadians making?

Statistics Canada's third and final release of the 2011 National Household Survey data illustrates, among other things, how much Canadians earn and where they live.

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## The richest of the rich

For all the growing diversity the 2011 census and related surveys have portrayed in Canada, Wednesday's final release reveals a contrasting constant: the richest of the rich in Canada are married, middle-aged white men. The richest 10 per cent of individuals are making more than \$80,400. And the very rich — the 272,600 individuals that make up the top one per cent — are all making more than \$191,100. Those people are making an average of \$381,300 each, 10 times the average Canadian income of \$38,700.

## House-poor Canadians

One-quarter of Canadian households, about 3.3 million, spent 30 per cent or more of their total income on shelter, exceeding the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's "affordability threshold." They paid an average of \$1,259 a month, surpassing the 30 per cent mark by an average of \$510. Sixty-nine per cent of households in Canada — 9.2 million out of 13.3 million — owned their dwelling in 2011, a marginal increase from 2006 compared with the more dramatic spikes in ownership of the previous 15 years. Four out of five households that purchased a home between 2006 and 2011 had a mortgage; one in five bought a condominium.



## Diversity in the workplace

As immigrant populations become more established and as women gain ground in the workplace, the income data will slowly start to reflect the broader diversity of the population, said Doug Norris, chief demographer at Environics Analytics. "Over time, I think you'll see that diversity creeping in." Already, the NHS shows second-generation immigrants are making far more money than the national median. And ethnic groups that are well-established in Canada, such as Japanese immigrants, are also well above the median.

## Student debt

### Tuition fees to keep on rising, says think tank

Canadian students hoping for some financial relief on the cost of their post-secondary education are in for disappointment over the next few years, a prominent think tank suggests.

A report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives forecasts the inflation-adjusted cost of an undergraduate university degree is expected to climb an average of 8.6 per cent over the next four years.

The inflation-adjusted cost of tuition and other fees averaged \$2,243 across the country in 1990, the report showed. That figure had climbed to \$6,254 for the 2012-13 academic year and is projected to keep rising. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Keystone XL. Crusader stars in TV ads aimed at stopping the pipeline

American billionaire Tom Steyer's mission to stop the Keystone XL pipeline has gone into overdrive with the launch of an anti-pipeline TV-advertising campaign that will feature an ad this weekend from the site of a devastating oil sands pipeline spill.

The next chapter in the four-part campaign, dubbed "Bringing Down TransCanada's House of Cards: The Keystone Chronicles," shows the Democratic mega-donor in Mayflower, Ark., where an underground ExxonMobil oil pipeline burst in March.

In the ad, set to air during this weekend's U.S. Sunday-morning political talk shows, Steyer makes the case that pipelines pose a real and present danger to anyone liv-

ing near them.

Residents of the lakeside Arkansas community say they're still suffering health effects after an estimated 5,000 barrels of oil sands crude seeped from the pipeline and through a residential neighbourhood. One of the Mayflower home-owners who lives down-wind from the spill appears in the commercial.

"He was quite moved by what happened to these people," said Mike Casey, spokesman for Steyer's Next-Gen Climate Action. "The people who got it the worst in Mayflower weren't the ones whose basements were flooded; they were the people who lived down-wind and were exposed to air-borne toxins."

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# Arab-Americans divided over Syria

**'An elephant in the room.'** Opposing viewpoints over U.S. intervention exposing tension in Middle Eastern communities

Sawsan Jabri and Osama Siblani share Middle Eastern roots and the American dream. They also represent dissension among Arab-Americans over Syria's civil war and ideological, political and regional differences.

Jabri, a doctor from Syria, teaches microbiology. Siblani came from Lebanon to be an engineer and publishes the influential Arab-American News.

Each speaks for opposing camps. Jabri is a spokeswoman for the Syrian Expatriates Organization, a lobbying and fundraising group that staged rallies in support of the U.S. backing rebels in Syria's civil

war. Siblani has opposed U.S. intervention through counter-demonstrations and the opinion pages of his newspaper.

When it comes to Syria, Siblani says, there's little room for agreement.

"I have been in this business for 29 years," he said. "I have never seen the community divided as much as we are divided today.... It is an elephant in the room all the time."

Siblani and Jabri agree that Syria has divided the U.S. Arab community despite a history of coexistence among religions, Islamic sects or countries.

"I don't know what's happened — people became more into everyone's identity," said Jabri, who contends that Assad's regime has used chemical weapons numerous times and he should be toppled and prosecuted. "The separation is not working in our direction."

Some of the rising tension reflects what's happening in

## A long history

Positions on Syria have highlighted Arab ties to the U.S. that date back more than a century, when immigrants from the Arab world started arriving en masse.

- The Syrian community in the U.S. is estimated to be about 150,000 people, but the number could be much higher if it reflected all those who trace their roots to early 20th-century Greater Syria.

community members' homelands. Lebanon and Syria share a complicated history and a web of political and sectarian ties and rivalries, and Syria's civil war next door has intensified divisions. "The situation gets very tense when you try to say who is responsible for what," Siblani said.

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## 12 years after 9/11, pain still strong for many

Carrie Bergonia of Pennsylvania looks over the name of her fiancé, firefighter Joseph Ogren, at the 9/11 Memorial in New York Wednesday during ceremonies marking the 12th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center.

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## UBC. Student execs quit over frosh chant that appeared to endorse rape

Two student executives with the University of British Columbia's commerce undergraduate society have quit after a frosh-week chant recited by students appeared to endorse rape.

President Enzo Woo says the performance of the offensive chant at the society's orientation event on the Labour Day weekend should never have happened. He says the fact the chant is tradition isn't an excuse and doesn't make the offence less serious.

Gillian Ong, the society's vice-president of engagement, has also quit, saying she hopes the society is now free and clear

### Not the first time

A similar incident at Saint Mary's University in Halifax recently prompted the resignation of the president of the student association.

to implement changes.

The society says it will end its annual frosh orientation event and will work with the Sauder School of Business to ensure any future activities are in line with a positive environment for new students.

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### Oilsands criticism

## Radio listeners tune out Neil Young

Neil Young can keep on talking in the free world, but Fort McMurray won't be listening.

A local rock radio station stopped playing the

Canuck singer's music for a day after he compared the oilsands city to Hiroshima after the atomic bomb.

Chris Byrne at Rock 97.9 asked his listeners if the ban should be extended indefinitely, so Young has been pulled from the station's playlist. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Francophones lag in tech adoption: Study

**Language barrier.** Lack of service, not anything intrinsic to culture, likely the reason, says researcher

Francophone Canadians tend to lag their anglophone counterparts when it comes to adopting new technologies, according to research by the Media Technology Monitor.

It's a trend that researchers have observed for years and it was evident again after polling thousands of Canadians this spring, said director of research and analysis Mark Allen.

"Certainly in terms of technology adoption the rule of thumb is francophones tend to lag a little bit," he said. "I don't think it's a cultural thing .... It's harder for francophones to adopt technology



Members of the media review the new iPhone 5c during a new product announcement at Apple headquarters on Tuesday in Cupertino, Calif. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

because they can buy the technology but they don't have the services to go along with it."

About 34 per cent of anglophone respondents said they had a tablet, versus just 20 per cent of francophones polled. While 19 per cent of anglophones said they owned an

ebook reader, just four per cent of francophones had one.

While Netflix has become popular in Canada, only five per cent of francophones said they were subscribers, versus 25 per cent of anglophones. It's not a surprising finding given there's far more

English content available to stream on the service.

Watching TV on a smartphone is still a rarity among all Canadians but anglophones were almost twice as likely to be streaming content on the go.

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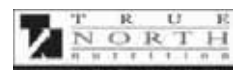


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# Putin's proposal recaptures lost influence in Middle East

**Syria.** Proposal for the surrender of chemical weapons has shaken U.S., captivated globe

With a few days' worth of surprise diplomacy, Vladimir Putin has revived memories of an era many thought was long gone, when Washington and Moscow jostled for influence while others looked on.

Whatever happens with its proposal to relieve Syria of chemical weapons, Russia, at least for now, has re-emerged as a central player in the Middle East. And, for good measure, it is seen as a player that does not easily dump allies.

That's meaningful in a region where America's sudden abandonment of ousted Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak two years ago has focused the minds of many authoritarians on the sometimes ephemeral



Syrians hold photos of President Bashar Assad and Russia's then-prime minister Vladimir Putin during a pro-regime rally in front of the Russian embassy in Damascus on March 4, 2012. MUZAFFAR SALMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

nature of U.S. support.

By contrast, Putin braved outrage by standing by his Syrian ally, claiming publicly there was insufficient evidence that Damascus used chemical weapons on Aug. 21 — and

even hinting he would somehow assist Bashar Assad in case of a military strike.

And now Russia has managed to arrest, at least for the moment, what looked like a march toward a U.S. military

operation that domestic and world opinion did not favour and might have skirted the edges of international law.

That a face-saving climb-down might have been engineered by the Kremlin adds irony

## Equilibrium

**"Putin appeared to save Obama from a potential embarrassment.... Russia is on equal footing now as a power in the Middle East."**

Leon Aron, Russia policy expert at the American Enterprise Institute

to a tactical victory. A Kremlin leader seen as a hard-hearted utilitarian, self-serving and occasionally brutal may find new associations with peaceful resolutions and deft realpolitik.

Russia's proposal on Syria would be a comeback for a country that was gradually eclipsed in the region by the U.S. after the 1973 Middle East war, with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat expelling Soviet advisers, making peace with Israel and embarking upon a strategic alliance with Washington.

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## Libya

**Car bombing a grim reminder of past 9-11 attacks**

A powerful car bomb exploded Wednesday near Libya's Foreign Ministry building in the heart of Benghazi, exactly one year after the Sept. 11 attack there that killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

The early morning blast on the 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks caused no casualties, though several passersby were slightly wounded, authorities said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility. However, the bombing targeted a building that once housed the U.S. Consulate during the rule of King Idris, who former Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi overthrew in 1969.

The explosion came a day after authorities defused another bomb next to the Foreign Ministry building in Tripoli, Prime Minister Ali Zidan said.

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# Lac-Mégantic cargo was as flammable as gas: Safety board

**Train disaster.** Oil on board should have been designated as more volatile; suitability of cars is also an issue

The crude oil that exploded into flame in the deadly Lac-Mégantic train derailment in July was as volatile as gasoline, but was documented as a less-dangerous product akin to diesel or bunker crude, the Transportation Safety Board says.

Lead investigator Don Ross said tests showed the oil was initially graded properly for road transport but was inexplicably downgraded when it came time to move it by rail.

"When we analyzed the product samples from the nine intact tank cars from the Lac-



Transportation Safety Board lead investigator Don Ross points to a dangerous goods indicator on a rail car during a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday.  
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mégantic accident we identified the product as having the characteristics of a packing group 2 flammable liquid," he told a news conference Wednesday. "Packing group 2 is the packing group that gasoline is in."

The Lac-Mégantic oil was improperly identified as a less-hazardous packing group 3 product, and investigators

#### Quoted

"The lower flash point of the crude oil explains in part why the crude oil ignited so quickly once the Class 111 tank cars were breached."

Don Ross, lead investigator, Transportation Safety Board

want to know why. "Is there any motivation? Why would that be shown the way it was, whether there was any commercial interest, any operating reason? We're asking all those questions," Ross said.

The July 6 crash killed 47 people and destroyed much of the centre of the picturesque Quebec town after the runaway train derailed and exploded in a fireball. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

#### Auto bailout

### Feds, Ontario sell part of GM stake

The federal and Ontario governments have sold a block of 30 million shares in General Motors valued in the neighbourhood of \$1.1 billion, a portion of the equity they received when they bailed out the automaker in 2009.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said in an email the shares were sold at Tuesday's closing price of \$37 US on the New York Stock Exchange, minus a small discount. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# IT ISN'T INTERESTING IF IT'S INFALLIBLE

I was a late convert to smartphones, and like most late converts to anything I quickly became a fundamentalist zealot.

Before, I scoffed at people who wouldn't look away from their screens for anything short of a fresh bullet wound. Now I know you can get valuable information from the tourniquet app, improve the look of that wound using Instagram, or ask, "Siri, what it's all about?" as you die.

Whether I'm texting with people miles away while sitting across a dinner table from friends, or checking the weather while walking outside, my phone does all the things I didn't even know needed doing.

And this week the most iconic of all smartphones released the details of its latest iterations. (I'm good at this.) The iPhone has not one but two new versions coming out soon, which means there'll be twice as many people standing in lines the morning of their release, just in case Apple only de-



HE SAYS

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cides to make a few hundred.

To commemorate this once-in-a-while event, here's a brief history of the iPhone to read as you queue:

**1993:** Apple releases its first personal digital assistant, the Newton, a technology that leads to one good Simpsons joke, and nothing else. However, the device's inability to tell what the user is actually trying to write is later used in the iPhones' autocorrect feature.

**1990s:** Apple CEO Steve Jobs, thinking about his legacy, works on being an inspiration to the world and an a-- to everyone he knows, leaving no time for the smartphone until 14 years later.

**2007:** Jobs unveils the very first iPhone. Its two-inch screen sits on a frame roughly the size of a tennis court, and its processor can do an amazing 14 calculations a minute. Its 2,700 vacuum tubes can only be purchased from the Apple Store.

**2008:** The iPhone 3G includes a phone that runs on a pre-

historic bird who chisels the images into a blank slate. The talking technology predates Siri, but doesn't catch on because of its corny one-liners.

**2010:** The iPhone 4 sends everything you do on it directly to the Oval Office. Apple is totally transparent about it, but nobody notices until three years later because it's written in one of those Terms of Agreement things and everybody skips to the accept button.

**2011:** Jobs uploads himself to the iCloud.

**Sept. 10, 2013:** Tech analysts say the new brightly-coloured, but less expensive iPhone 5C is likely meant to appeal to youth in emerging markets like China and India. The built-in cigarette lighter is a dead giveaway.

**Sept. 12, 2013:** The iPhone 24, speaking with the voice of Steve Jobs, comes from the future with its new time travel app to warn humanity not to allow Mark Zuckerberg's 2023 purchase of Apple. Before it can explain why, a 12-foot-tall robotic Zuckerberg reaches in from their time and pulls the phone back while letting loose a maniacal nerd-snort. Apple stock skyrockets.

## ZOOM

### Sitting in a tin can far above the world



#### Stunning shot of a craft above Earth

It looks like a fancy beverage can — and is in fact carrying something worthwhile. This photo shows a Japanese unmanned spacecraft back-dropped against a land mass of Earth. The HTV-4 craft was launched by Japan's Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) last month to bring supplies to the International Space Station.

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On the HTV-4 was Kirobo, a 34 centimetre-high automaton which became the first robot to speak in space. It said, in Japanese: "On Aug. 21, 2013, a robot took one small step towards a brighter future for all. Good morning to everyone on Earth. This is Kirobo. I am the world's first talking robot astronaut. Nice to meet you."

#### Fiery plunge back home

After backing away from the ISS following a one-month stay, the HTV-4 craft (nicknamed Kounotori) — loaded with trash from the space station — plunged back to Earth for a de-orbit disposal. The craft burned upon re-entry into Earth's atmosphere, with surviving fragments shattering across a preplanned location in the Pacific Ocean. METRO

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If you're of the sort who hasn't spent any time with a poem since the last time you were assigned one by a teacher, dip your toe back into the water with these frequently amusing Twitter accounts with a poetic heart.

**@GooglePoetics:** Crowd-sourced from the nonsense we're all guilty of asking Google about, this account finds surprising depth and humanity lurking in search terms suggested by Google's auto fill.

**@tricialockwood:** The mighty Patricia Lockwood was a published poet before signing up for Twitter. It just happens to be a lucky



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stroke for all of us that the format is a perfect fit for her occasional surreal verses and pithy lines.

**@Pentametrone:**

An algorithm that keeps a vigilant eye out for tweets that happen to be written in iambic pentameter, though it may come as little surprise that the authors of its retweets typically don't have poetry in mind.

#### Worth Mentioning

#### Men with menopause? Yep, it's a thing

The ads tout testosterone treatments for "low T," but surprising new research shows a different hormone may play a role in less sex drive and more fat as men age. Estrogen — the female hormone — is needed by men, too, and the study gives the first clear evidence that too little of it can cause certain "male menopause"

symptoms.

"A lot of things we think are due to testosterone deficiency are actually related to the estrogen deficiency that accompanies it," said Dr. Joel Finkelstein of Massachusetts General Hospital. He led the study.

Testosterone is the main male sex hormone. Men's bodies convert some of it into estrogen, and levels of both decline with age. Until now, there was no way to tell which hormone was responsible for complaints of diminished libido, strength and energy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Diabetes, dating, dirty minds

**Sister act.** Este Haim, oldest sibling in the rocking trio Haim, talks about how the pursuit of perfection delayed their album release

**RICHARD PECKETT**  
Metro World News in London

Este Haim sits perched at the bar — among love-locked couples and scurrying waiters — in central London's trendy The Riding House Café. "It's a first-date kind of place," she strikes up.

Indeed, she's the sassiest of the Los Angeles trio — three sisters that form the guitar-wielding indie-rock band Haim. Since last year, the siblings have roused the music industry jaded by dance derivatives with their Nu-folk-meets-'90s R&B pop.

The fans are swooning, too, with girls wanting to be them and boys wanting to bed them.

After a clutch of EPs and a series of tours worldwide, the Rapunzel-haired siblings — Este, 27, Danielle, 24, and Alana, 21 — are finally releasing their much-delayed debut album *Days Are Gone*, which includes tracks such as *Don't Save Me*, *Falling* and *Forever*, due out on Sept. 30. Metro chats with the eldest sis —

## The art of perfection

**"We wanted it to sound cohesive and make sure there were some elements that tied everything together."**

Este Haim on Haim's debut album



After a clutch of EPs and a series of worldwide tours, Haim is set to release their much-anticipated debut album on Sept. 30. CONTRIBUTED

the band's bassist — about their first record, cheating in exams, diabetes and their rock-loving parents.

## Why did you delay your album release?

We wanted to be able to experiment and kind of figure out sonically how we wanted things to sound.

The truth is we did a couple of songs a couple of times a couple of different ways. On top of that we went on tour with people we really admired: Florence (Welch), Mumford and Sons, Vampire Weekend.

## You've had so much hype and exposure that this doesn't feel like your debut album.

To me this definitely feels like my first record. We've put a

lot of pressure on ourselves.

## Are you a perfectionist?

Yeah, to a fault. OCD, ADHD — it's a lethal combination. We wanted it to sound cohesive and make sure there were some elements that tied everything together. It's a reflection of our lives since we started the band.

## Sounds deep.

Thank you. I went to college and university.

## You finished a five-year course in two years — very impressive.

I did. Funny because yesterday I told everyone onstage I cheated on my SATs.

## How did you cheat?

Well, I basically had my phone with me.

## I'm impressed you managed to get your phone in.

It's because... oh my god. Because I'm diabetic, I get to have my room and I get more time on the SATs — no one was watching me.

## Have you used that trick since?

To get out of a speeding ticket. I don't want to use diabetes as an excuse because it's not, but speeding tickets in America are like \$600, you get two points on your record and my dad would have taken my car away.

## What actually happened?

The cop pulled me over and I was like, 'My blood sugar is low and I was rushing to 7-Eleven to get an OJ' and he let me go.

## Let's talk men: You've got a bit of a thing for rapper A\$AP Rocky.

It goes without saying — he is a pretty motherf---er and he has such swagger.

## You recorded LVL with him. Was he stoned?

Let's just say it was pretty purple in there. We ended up having a weird YouTube party where we tried to one up each other on who could show the dopest YouTube video.

That's where I discovered Gangnam Style — A\$AP Rocky showed it to me. We couldn't figure out what he was saying — we thought it was "open condom style."

## Dirty mind.

My mind is perpetually in the gutter.

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Vampire Weekend has a new album out called *Modern Vampires of the City*. CONTRIBUTED

# Vampire getting longer in the tooth

**Modern Vampires of the City.** As the band prepares to hit the road, Ezra Koenig and Rostam Batmanglij are right where they belong

PAT HEALY  
Metro World News in Boston

Vampire Weekend lyrics have always read a bit like witty TripAdvisor entries. Location is an essential part of the experience, whether it be the Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa of their self-titled debut or the California English of 2010's *Contra*.

The band's latest release, *Modern Vampires of the City* throws in more geographical references than the first two albums combined. Anchorage, Oakland, Dar es Salaam, Providence, Phoenix and Santa Barbara all get lip service. Even though that could give the impression that the album is literally all over the map, the titular "City" they reference most is New York, and the collection of songs is possibly the band's most cohesive effort to date.

"On the first album, all of the places that I name checked in Cape Cod were places that I actually had been, albeit somewhat briefly," says singer Ezra Koenig.

He is sitting in a café down the street from his apartment on the Lower East Side. For a guy who sings with a band

whose last two albums went to No. 1, he is comfortably anonymous in his neighbourhood. Only one passerby seems to slip into an "I know that guy from somewhere" expression.

"On the song Step on this album, there is a lot of name checking," Koenig continues, "and I've never been to someplace like Dar es Salaam, but part of that song is about somebody who in the beginning is talking about how they were going all of these different places, but really back at home is where they really have to figure things out."

It seems like Koenig spent a lot of time at home figuring things out. The theme of mortality is persistent throughout *Modern Vampires* with a lot of breath spent on uncertainty about what may be next, after this album and after this life. He says he feels like reflecting in this manner is almost a rite of passage for a band between albums two and three.

"Whether you're in college or in your early 20s doing whatever, there's a sense that it's an eternal springtime. And

that's also true for a band that's making their first album. So we had that threefold: A bunch of young cats, fresh out of college, suddenly people have interest in our band," he says, reminiscing about Vampire Weekend's beginnings at Columbia University.

"Then when you do something a second time it's still exciting, and you're building and you start to get to the third time, and unless you're a total craven careerist, you're going to pause a little bit and be like, 'OK, so we're doing this for a third time. We're now five or six years older than when we started. Is this just a job? Are we just banging out products of varying degrees of quality, based on an initial template? Or are we trying to do something different?'"

He and songwriting cohort Rostam Batmanglij spent the better part of a year — writing songs and recording songs at Batmanglij's apartment under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass — making sure they were trying to do something different, and succeeding.

## Immediate goal

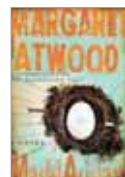
**Koenig's aim.** He says his goal isn't to have the most recent album be everybody's favourite Vampire Weekend album, just somebody's favourite. "That's the hardest thing to pull off: Sometimes everybody likes the first album the best, a handful of people like the second album

the best and nobody likes the third album the best," he says. "It's not because I have a chip on my shoulder that's like, 'I want people to like this album more than the first two!' I just want there to exist people in the universe who could feel that way.

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# Engaged John eager to become stuff of Legend

**Q&A.** R&B crooner John Legend talks about his new album, his upcoming wedding, Kanye West, achieving world recognition and the war in Syria

John Legend has one more thing to do before launching his fall tour: get married. The 34-year-old R&B singer is engaged to 27-year-old model Chrissy Teigen, the subject of most of the romantic songs that make up his new album, *Love in the Future*, released last week.

The wedding will be some time before he kicks off his tour Oct. 20 in Mashantucket, Conn., and marks a turning point for the piano-playing crooner, who since 2004's *Get Lifted* has been crafting songs about hook-ups, cheating and heartbreak as well as long-term commitment.

Appropriately, the nine-time Grammy winner's latest takes an overall more optimistic perspective on affairs of the



Piano crooner John Legend's latest and fourth album is called *Love in the Future*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

heart, so much so that he says he's already considering how married life will affect his writing: "My fans probably don't want to listen to everything being awesome all the time."

Legend reconnected with longtime collaborator Kanye West for his fourth solo album, which includes hip-hop drum patterns and moments of humour the singer credits

to West. Legend recently sat down with The Associated Press to talk about fame, stability, wedding plans and international policy.

**Your fiancée is very witty on Twitter, and you slide some jokes into many of your songs. How important is humour to you?**

Chrissy is hilarious and I'm

a big comedy fan. We go to comedy clubs. ... I wish I was funnier myself. ... I surround myself with people who are different from me. Obviously, people always ask me, "How are you and Chrissy together?" And then people also ask me, "How are you and Kanye working together for so many years because you're so different?" But I think I gravitate toward

people that are a little more outrageous than I am. And we complement each other well.

**Do you want Kanye-level fame?**

I want Kanye-level success. I don't think I'm craving any more fame. But success and being recognized for making great work all around the world, I think it's a great thing.

**What's your vision for your wedding? What do you want from it?**

I'm excited to get married, but I look at it as just a fun party where I want my friends to have a great time. ... I guess we should look good, too, so the pictures come out nice. But other than that, I feel like it's no pressure.

**Some songwriters make their best music when they're not in a stable relationship. It can also go the other way. Is that something you've thought about?**

I've written some of my better songs about the ups and downs of relationships. ... I've thought about, you know, what am I going to do two years from now? ... But I

imagine that we'll have some ups and downs too, so I'll tell those stories, too.

**You're a supporter of President Barack Obama, but covered several anti-war songs from the 1960s and 1970s on the 2010 album you created with The Roots called *Wake Up! Are you worried about U.S. military intervention in Syria?***

I am not anti-war in general. I am just anti-wars that I think are not a good idea. I didn't think the Iraq war was a good idea. ... I do understand the impulse to want to punish countries for using chemical weapons. I do understand the humanitarian impulse when you see 100,000 people getting slaughtered ... but we have to be very cautious about getting into another long conflict in the Middle East. ... We know that al-Qaida's infiltrated the rebel forces in Syria. We know that either way, no matter who wins, there are significant groups within each side that might not be pro-America. So I think it's a very difficult decision to involve ourselves militarily in Syria.

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## Miley's Wrecking Ball smashes record

Sorry, Syria. Sorry, New York City mayoral race. Sorry, 12th anniversary of 9/11. It's all Miley, all the time. The singer's new video for Wrecking Ball, where she rides on a wrecking ball in boy underwear (or nothing at all!) and cries a lot and wags her tongue, is breaking page view records with a whopping 15 million views in less than 24 hours, according to video host Vevo. "Wrecking Ball has officially beat the @VEVO record. ??????????thank you smilerzzzzz" she tweeted.

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## Rihanna. Think star is falling in popularity? Facebook says think again

After Rihanna's disastrous 777 Tour earlier this year, it seemed that the singer's approval rating had sunk to an all-time low. Throw in the fact that she returned to the arms of Chris Brown, arms that were raised to beat her at one point, mind you, and you might think that nobody really liked Rihanna anymore.

But the Guinness Book of World Records announced last week that there couldn't

be anything further from the truth. Ri-Ri was formally acknowledged as the "Most Liked Person on Facebook." At press time, 75,445,730 people have clicked that they like her.

Other new musical record-holders in the 2014 Guinness Book of World Records include Taylor Swift, who won the distinction of "First Solo Female with Two Million-Selling Weeks on the U.S. Albums Chart."

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Rihanna has more 'likes' than any other musician on Facebook. GETTY IMAGE

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Zoe Saldana. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Who-knew nuptials: Saldana weds Italian artist in hush-hush ceremony

Zoe Saldana was quite sneaky this past weekend, marrying Marco Perego in a super-secret ceremony in London before anyone could catch wise, according to *Us Weekly*. "It was super small but very romantic and beautiful," says a source of

the ceremony, which was attended by just family and a handful of close friends. Saldana and Italian artist Perego "have known each other for a long time," the source explains, but they hadn't been officially linked until May.

## Crushing in Canada: Swift snuggles up to Aussie actor at TIFF party

Taylor Swift may have found a new man in Australian actor Brenton Thwaites. The pair met at a private party at the Toronto International Film Festival earlier this week and spent some time getting to know each other, according to *People* magazine.

Swift and Thwaites nestled into a booth at the Soho House for an hour chatting and "making each other laugh," a source says. Thwaites "had his arm around her back. She touched his leg a few times. They seemed very into each other."

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### The Word

## How much to canoodle with KStew? Try half a million

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Everyone has a price, even Kristen Stewart. And as a *New Yorker*, I couldn't be more pleased that she does.

In a *New York Times* article on Harvey Weinstein, the film mogul mentions that he managed to line up a Saudi prince who promised to make a sizable donation to Hurricane Sandy relief efforts — if the *Twilight* star would hang out with him. When Weinstein got in touch with her, she had a question: How much?

Weinstein drove a hard bargain, settling on \$500,000, paid in advance. Stewart then agreed to hang out with the prince for 15 minutes.

With hurricane season upon us once again, I call for all our Kristen Stewarts to be on high alert in case they're needed for some emergency shmoozing — especially since she'll be



busy in the near future.

The *Twilight* star has enrolled in a correspondence course at UCLA, where she plans to study English literature.

"Yes, Kristen's a Tinseltown actress worth millions, but she is already considering a life after film. She never got to complete college and she wants to get a proper education," a source tells the *Daily Mirror*.



John Krasinski and Emily Blunt

## Baby Blunt watch: Actors expecting their first bundle of joy

Emily Blunt and John Krasinski are set to become parents for the first time, as Blunt is pregnant with their first child and is due in just a few months, her rep confirms to *Us Weekly*.

"They both want kids. It's one of the reasons they got a bigger place, in a neighbourhood that you can raise a family," a source says. "They both couldn't be more excited."

## Walking with the stars: Famous faces sign up for charity challenge

Prince Harry has some stiff competition for his upcoming charity race to the South Pole, as *True Blood* star Alexander Skarsgard has signed on to the American team competing in the *Walking With the*

Wounded South Pole Allied Challenge, a 208-mile trek that raises funds for military charities, according to *USA Today*. Skarsgard and Harry will be trekking alongside wounded military personnel from their respective countries. "I'm honoured to be working and training alongside these soldiers to raise money and awareness for this very worthy cause," Skarsgard says in a statement.

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# Target goes out on a Lim with collection

**Romancing the masses.** Designer says he's as passionate about creating a \$29.99 shirt as he is about one for \$299

**TINA CHADHA**  
Metro World News in NYC

Phillip Lim believes you're just as busy as he is. It's why the designer — whose hotly anticipated 3.1 Phillip Lim collection for Target hits stores Sunday, just five days after the Spring ready-to-wear line debuts at New York Fashion Week — created an affordable fall line perfect for people on the go. We nailed down Lim to talk about his design process, why menswear is important and how to keep essentials from being boring.

**Congratulations on the Target collaboration! What was your main objective for the line?**

For me, it was about creating a chic, easy and cool collection for real people. I focused on the idea of a romanced reality and

having ideas, products, clothes and accessories on the go for this romance.



Lim's 100-piece offering consists of chic, understated essentials you can rely on for just about any occasion — there's even a grab-and-go pack with underthings for those surprise last-minute trips. GETTY IMAGES

**How would you describe the codes of the 3.1 Phillip Lim brand?**

Phillip Lim is designed for the global citizen on the move with understated, elegant clothes that imbue a strong sense of discovery with hidden details just for the wearer.

**Your Target line has a strong focus on menswear. Why was it important to include the guys?**

Men are embracing fashion more and it was important to me that I create a collection for both men and women to easily incorporate into their wardrobes and their everyday lives.

## Retail reminiscence

**Do you still shop at Target?**

- Yes, Target has just about everything. As a child, I remember Target as that place to get everything and just thinking, "they have everything here, all the dreams are here!"

**The collection is full of practical-yet-cool essentials. How did you keep these pieces from being boring?**

When in doubt, you can never go wrong with solids. It's important to stock up on chic basics as they cannot only be worn at different hours of the day, but also from season to season. Once that foundation was established, I sprinkled in things or ideas from my own collection.

**How did you choose to bring back certain pieces from your main line such as the comic book motif and colour block pastels?**

I took inspiration from archival pieces that we thought would also be of interest to Target's guests. All in all, designing the collection was a very similar process to that of my main collection, because in the end, I put the same amount of passion, energy, spirit, and time into designing the \$29.99 shirt as I would for the \$299 shirt.

**It's been a busy year for you. After your show wraps, what are your plans?**

Hopefully I will be off on the beach somewhere!

## Model call



Erin Wasson. GETTY IMAGES

**In the moment with Erin Wasson**

We caught up with the model at Vevo and Style Network's Styled to Rock party to find out about her runway outing at Alexander Wang and her fall wish list.

**What are you looking forward to wearing this fall?**

"I love outerwear. I love a good jacket. I love a good boot. It's a time where you get to personify fashion because you get to create more layers."

**What's on your fall shopping list?**

"I just moved into a new house four months ago. So I'm obsessed with interior design right now. I geek out about lighting fixtures."

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## Trends Report

- The popular shape of eyebrows evolves endlessly, from caterpillar-thick to super skinny arches and everything in between. Go online to see what the latest look is as seen on two current 'it' girls in film and fashion and let me know which eyebrow shape you prefer.

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# When to add an accent

One of these walls is not like the other — and that's a good thing.



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Accent walls can define a focal wall where a television sits, highlight a piece of art or simply change the mood of a room by injecting a small amount of colour on one of the walls.

Wondering about which wall in your house might be perfect for a splash of colour? Consider these ones: behind the headboard in the bedroom, where the mirror hangs in the bathroom or the wall the television or fireplace sits on in the living room.

Areas not to paint an accent wall are: a powder room, kitchen or foyer; keep all of those walls the same colour.

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## Neutral

Colour Your World's Pasture Green Fresh: This warm green colour will perk up a dark space and bring the colour of nature inside. Looks best with rust, taupe, off white and cream. dulux.ca.



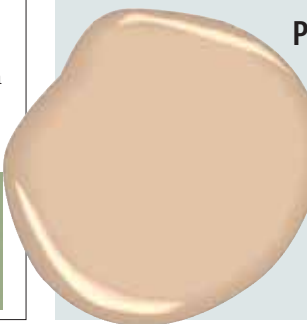
## Dark

Farrow & Ball's Stiffkey Blue 281: This is the easiest way to add a sense of importance and tradition to a modern space. This deep teal-grey blue looks great with pale blue or grey, deep brown and brassy gold; farrow-ball.com.



## Pastel

Benjamin Moore's Sycamore CC-350: Soft, pastel-like colours are predicted for spring, so get a jump on it. This peachy-taupe looks best with pale grey, pool blue, soft yellow and black. benjaminmoore.ca.



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# Furniture bridging gap between function, art

**Design.** Custom pieces that consider function and esthetics are attracting buyers

It was function, not art, that led Christina Hilborne to a career as a furniture designer and maker. Yet the custom furnishings created by her and others, which bridge the gap between function and art, have also piqued a growing interest among those willing to invest.

"I was living with a roommate at the time and we were poor," said Hilborne. "We needed a recycling bin, and I decided to make one."

It was the first thing the Victoria-based designer and maker had created, and the experience was so gratifying she immediately enrolled in a pre-apprenticeship program in bench work and joinery followed by apprenticing as a cabinetmaker.

Even though it was the

act of making that led Hilborne to her career, she doesn't just consider the purpose of a piece before she creates one.

"I consider function, esthetics and ethics," she said. "I first think about what materials I can use that are considerate to the planet, and how I can best use them so I don't waste much."

The materials Hilborne chooses for their environmental impact also affect the look of the piece, but she is careful not to call herself an artist.

"I have a lot of friends who are artists and I wouldn't be so arrogant as to count myself among them," she said.

"They are painters and sculptors and I really don't feel that I am of that calibre. I am a maker or creator because I do design, but I also make."

Vancouver furniture designer and maker Christian Woo agrees with Hilborne's feelings about identifying himself as an artist.

Woo — who had been



Victoria, B.C.-based furniture designer Christina Hilborne's Eureka desk is shown in a handout photo. It was function, not art, that led Hilborne to a career as a furniture designer and maker.

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woodworking since before high school — has gained a reputation for his minimalist, modern pieces.

"I collect art from friends and they are mainly paintings, and photographs, but there is definitely an artistry in the things I am producing," said Woo.

"There is much time spent in the overall composition of my pieces and so if I think in those terms there is definitely an artistry in the work."

Customers are noticing the artistry in furniture by designers like Woo, and are beginning to collect it like they would art.

"I know from working with clients and having my pieces purchased, good furniture and a good piece of design really is functional art," he said.

"I think it's a good place to park your money if you want something beautiful, that works and enhances your home."

But small manufacturers are still facing the challenges of customers wanting identifiable pieces like the

## Thinking long term

**"When I'm designing and making something I ask, 'How will this fare and how will this look in 20 or 30 years.'"**

Vancouver furniture designer and maker Christian Woo

iconic Eames chair, created in the 1950s out of plywood and leather.

Even though purchasing high-quality pieces requires a financial investment, Woo said people are starting to see the value in limited-edition or custom furnishings.

"By and large I think people are happy and interested in owning and collecting because these pieces are really designed to be collected and to last," he said.

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1. Dust lamb with flour. Then in large nonstick oven pot, heat oil, sauté lamb for 2 minutes or just until seared all over. Remove lamb and set aside.

2. To pot, add garlic and onion

and sauté for 5 minutes until soft. Add carrots and green peppers and mushrooms and sauté until mushrooms are no longer wet.

3. Add sweet potatoes, stock, wine, tomato paste and curry powder. Return lamb to pan; cover and simmer 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally until lamb is tender. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT COOKING (ROBERT ROSE)**

## Ingredients

- 3/4 lb boneless leg of lamb, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- All-purpose flour for dusting
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup finely chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup finely chopped sweet green pepper
- 1 cup cubed peeled sweet potatoes
- 1 1/2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 2 1/2 cups beef stock
- 1/3 cup red wine
- 3 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 tsp curry powder

## Side or dinner. Gluten-free Mac 'n' Cheese



1. In large saucepan, heat broth covered over medium heat until it comes to a simmer, about 2 to 3 minutes. Uncover. Add cream cheese; cook, whisking, until it melts, about 3 to 4 minutes. Whisk in cheddar and pepper until cheese is melted, about 1 minute. Reduce heat to low to keep warm.

2. In large pot, bring 16 cups

(4 L) salted water to a rapid boil. Add macaroni, stirring occasionally until water returns to a boil. Cook for 3 to 3-1/2 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until "al dente" or tender but firm. Drain well. Add to cheese sauce. Stir until well-coated, about 2 minutes. Serve immediately, garnished with chopped fresh parsley, if desired.

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# Rates. No need to panic for long term



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For Metro

Rising mortgage rates have some Canadians in a panic to lock in for the long term.

But higher rates aren't necessarily bad. They force prospective homebuyers to

save more prior to making their purchase, and ensure their personal debt levels are kept in check, ultimately protecting the broader Canadian economy from the perils of lax lending practices as seen in recent global financial crises.

Besides federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty giving the banking industry a political nudge, fixed mortgage

rates are rising due to the fact that they are closely tied to investor demand for government bonds, which has been on the rise.

One of the key implications of rising fixed mortgage rates is that it will be harder to qualify for a mortgage. This is because all mortgage applicants must now qualify under the posted five-year fixed

mortgage rate, regardless of whether they select that type of mortgage or not.

Before you hang your head in frustration and give up on your search for a new home, rest assured, fixed mortgage rates are still highly attractive compared to historical standards. But you may need to save more for your down payment or reduce your debt

levels in order to qualify. The silver lining in both of these options is that you will be better off financially in the long term.

The second implication is that in an environment where rates are increasing, many new homebuyers or owners on variable rate mortgages rush to lock in their rates, shielding themselves from the inevit-

ability of higher borrowing costs. This strategy often suits risk-averse homebuyers.

But because the Bank of Canada's key lending rate, which is what the prime rate is tied to, has not increased in three years, Canadians with a higher appetite for risk can still take advantage of lower rate variable mortgages, which are derived off of the prime rate.



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One of the first decisions to make when looking for a mortgage is whether you want financing through your financial institution, such as your local bank, or through a mortgage broker. COLOURBOX

## Pros and cons of banker vs. broker

Whether you have decided to purchase a new home or renovate the existing one, one of the first decisions you will have to make is whether to seek out financing through your financial institution, such as your local bank, or through a mortgage broker.

The benefits of working directly with your financial institution are that you may receive preferential rates and reduced fees because the bank wants to keep your business. Banks also offer personal loans or lines of credit, which can be used towards home upgrades, providing homeowners with an alternative to refinancing an existing mortgage, paying cash for or charging renovations to a credit card.

The drawbacks are simply that you are limited to the products and rates offered by your institution.

But with hundreds of mortgage products on the market, it's hard to know whether you are selecting the right one. Therefore, many Canadians are turning to mortgage brokers to help wade through the selection and save money.

An independent mortgage broker isn't tied to any financial institution and works

### Shop around

- Before you sign up for a mortgage with any financial institution, shop around for the best rates and greatest repayment plan flexibility. Check out [ratehub.ca](http://ratehub.ca) for comparisons of the best mortgage rates in Canada among all financial institutions.

on behalf of you, the client, rather than the lender. Because they are not employees of any lending institution, mortgage brokers seek out the best mortgage options to suit your specific situation from a multitude of lenders — banks, trusts, private companies, or insurance firms. Brokers may also have access to mortgage products for purposes of refinancing or financing home improvements.

Mortgage brokers work directly with lenders, thus they can often get instant approvals and negotiate better rates and terms on your behalf.

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CFL

## League fines Riders centre, Ticats DB

The CFL fined Saskatchewan Roughriders centre Dominic Picard and Hamilton Tiger-Cats defensive back Dee Webb on Wednesday for separate on-field incidents.

Picard was fined for throwing a punch in a 25-13 loss to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Sunday. Webb was penalized for a dangerous hit to the head of BC Lions receiver Marco Iannuzzi in Hamilton's 37-29 victory on Saturday.

As per CFL policy, the fine amounts weren't disclosed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

CFL

## Duvernay-Tardif pegged as top 2014 draft prospect

The CFL Scouting Bureau has listed Laurent Duvernay-Tardif of the McGill Redmen as the top prospect for the 2014 Canadian college draft.

The six-foot-five, 305-pound Duvernay-Tardif was one of four offensive linemen named Wednesday in the September rankings list of the top 15 draft prospects. St. Francis Xavier University receiver Devon Bailey was ranked second and Montreal University offensive lineman David Foucault was third.

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MLB

## Yankees move up in wild-card race

Robinson Cano hit a tiebreaking homer leading off the ninth inning, and the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-4 on Wednesday night. The Yankees moved past Baltimore and Cleveland in the AL wild-card hunt.

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Robinson Cano went deep for his 27th home run of the season.

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Flames goalie Joey MacDonald speaks to the media following a training camp fitness test in Calgary Wednesday. The 33-year-old is the most experienced at Calgary's training camp, but even he knows his spot isn't guaranteed. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Flames goalies ready to duke it out

**After Kipper.** Still no clear-cut No. 1 between the pipes heading into training camp

The Calgary Flames have competition in goal at training camp for the first time in years.

The retirement of workhorse Miikka Kiprusoff left a void in net as the Flames prepare for the 2013-14 NHL season.

Kiprusoff was Calgary's undisputed No. 1 after backstopping the Flames to the 2004 Stanley Cup final. The soft-spoken Finn played seven seasons of 70-plus games during his tenure in Calgary and was considered the backbone of the team.

There isn't an obvious frontrunner to replace Kiprusoff. The battle to be the Flames starter is expected to be between Joey MacDonald

of Pictou, N.S., Karri Ramo of Finland and Swiss native Reto Berra.

Laurent Brossoit of Port Alberni, B.C., and another Finnish product, Joni Ortio, round out the five goalies at training camp, but lack the pro experience of the other three.

Calgary's camp opened Wednesday with physical testing at the University of Calgary kinesiology lab. The first exhib-

ition game is Saturday at the Saddledome against the Edmonton Oilers. Alberta's NHL clubs will split their squads and host games in each city.

The Flames open the regular season on the road Oct. 3 against the Washington Capitals. Their home opener is Oct. 6 versus the Vancouver Canucks.

The Flames haven't reached the playoffs in four seasons.

### The contenders

- MacDonald started three of Calgary's last four games of the season and signed a one-year contract in April that will pay him \$925,000 this season.

- Ramo, 27, played 48 games for the Tampa Bay Lightning between 2006 and 2009 and also has American Hockey League experience. He's

spent the last four years in Russia in the KHL.

- Berra, 26, fills the net at six-foot-four and 194 pounds. Calgary gained his rights in the deal that sent defenceman Jay Bouwmeester to St. Louis in April. The Flames then signed Berra to a one-year contract with a base salary of \$765,000.

The trading of longtime captain Jarome Iginla last season and the departure of Kiprusoff marks a new era for the hockey club.

MacDonald was Kiprusoff's backup after the Flames plucked him off waivers in February. The 33-year-old is the most experienced goalie at camp with 122 NHL games split between Calgary, Detroit, Toronto, New York Islanders and Boston.

MacDonald's record in the lockout-shortened season was 8-9-1 with a goals-against average of 2.87 and a save percentage of .902.

"Most years coming to camp, most teams have their clear-cut No. 1," MacDonald said. "Being in Detroit for so long, you always had an old guy there that you had to battle. This year, it's going to be exciting. The opportunity is there and it's going to be an exciting team."

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# Got what it takes, junior?

With NHL training camps underway, here's a look at six junior players with CHL eligibility remaining who could stick with their NHL teams:

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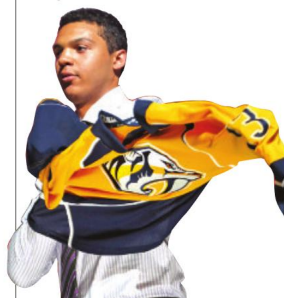


## Nathan MacKinnon, Avalanche

The top pick in June's draft doesn't have any uncertainty. He's going to be a big piece of Joe Sakic and Patrick Roy's Avalanche facelift. MacKinnon collected 32 goals and 43 assists in 44 games last season in Halifax. The question is how Colorado will juggle centres Ryan O'Reilly and Paul Stastny. A year after former QMJHL star Jonathan Huberdeau of the Florida Panthers won the Calder Trophy, MacKinnon goes into this season as the rookie-of-the-year favourite.

## Seth Jones, Predators

Jones slipped to fourth in the draft behind MacKinnon, Aleksander Barkov and Jonathan Drouin, but the defenceman won't be eased into the NHL. It's possible he's a top-four player taking on big minutes for the Predators. Jones had 56 points for the Portland Winterhawks last year, his first and likely only season in the WHL.



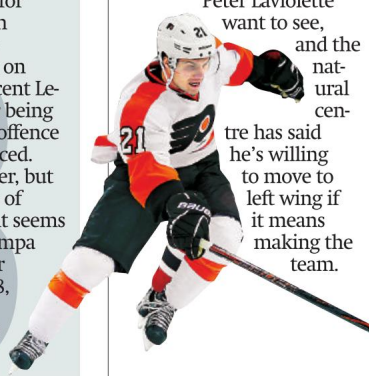
## Jonathan Drouin, Lightning

Drouin was an even more prolific scorer for the Mooseheads than MacKinnon, and the Lightning will count on him right away. Vincent Lecavalier is gone after being bought out, and his offence will need to be replaced. Drouin is a left-winger, but just assembling a lot of young talent up front seems to be the plan for Tampa Bay general manager Steve Yzerman. At 18, Drouin has the skill to make a difference quickly.

## Scott Laughton, Flyers

Caught in a numbers game coming out of the lockout last January, Laughton could fit right in with the Flyers like Sean Couturier did in 2011-12. The Oshawa Generals alum can play with the kind of edge GM Paul Holmgren and coach Peter Laviolette want to see,

and the natural centre has said he's willing to move to left wing if it means making the team.



## Sean Monahan, Flames

Youth is the name of the game for the rebuilding Flames, so Monahan stands a good chance of sticking around in the NHL and playing valuable minutes. The two-way skill player will be an important piece of Calgary's future at centre, and the future is very much now with the Flames. Monahan, the sixth-overall pick and the first of Calgary's three first-rounders, had 78 points in 58 games for the OHL's Ottawa 67's last season.

## Morgan Rielly, Maple Leafs

The Maple Leafs are in a tough spot with Rielly, who could go back to the WHL's Moose Jaw Warriors but may have outgrown junior. The mature 19-year-old defenceman has the puck-moving skills, but there might not be room in Toronto. He's too young to be eligible to play in the AHL, so perhaps a nine-game trial with the Leafs is the likeliest course of action.



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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you're not in the mood for work then don't push it. Your perspective on life is changing and because of that you may find it hard to focus on one thing at a time. It's no big deal.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Anything of a serious nature should be left until tomorrow or even the weekend because you won't be able to give it your best shot today. Come tomorrow, you may decide it's not worth any kind of shot.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

A domestic problem requires a solution and the only way you are going to find it is by giving the situation your full attention. Don't let sob stories steer you away from the truth.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Let everyone know what you think and let everyone know that you are not the sort who can be easily fooled. A positive, confident attitude will work wonders today, even if you are trembling a bit on the inside.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You are worrying too much about your finances. Yes, of course, you have bills to pay but dwelling on it won't solve your cash flow issues. Get out there and make some money.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It may at times seem as if the world is a hostile place but it's not as bad as you think. Make an effort to see the good things, and good people, around you today. You'll feel better on every level.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Whatever your aims in life, the most important thing you can do right now is make others happy. You have a gift for making people smile. Use it.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

No matter what bad things may be going on in the world, you are fortunate enough to be surrounded by people who genuinely care for you. They think you're special, and you are. Treat them special, too.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Don't let others' negativity rub off on you. You do best when you are cheerful, so steer clear of those who seem to enjoy wallowing in despair.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

A small act of kindness on your part will make a big difference to someone you interact with today. Don't just go through the motions. Connect with them. It's about being human.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Sometimes you take life too seriously and that seems to be your main problem at the moment. Yes, of course, things could be better but, on the other hand, are they really so bad? It depends how you look at the world.

### Pisces

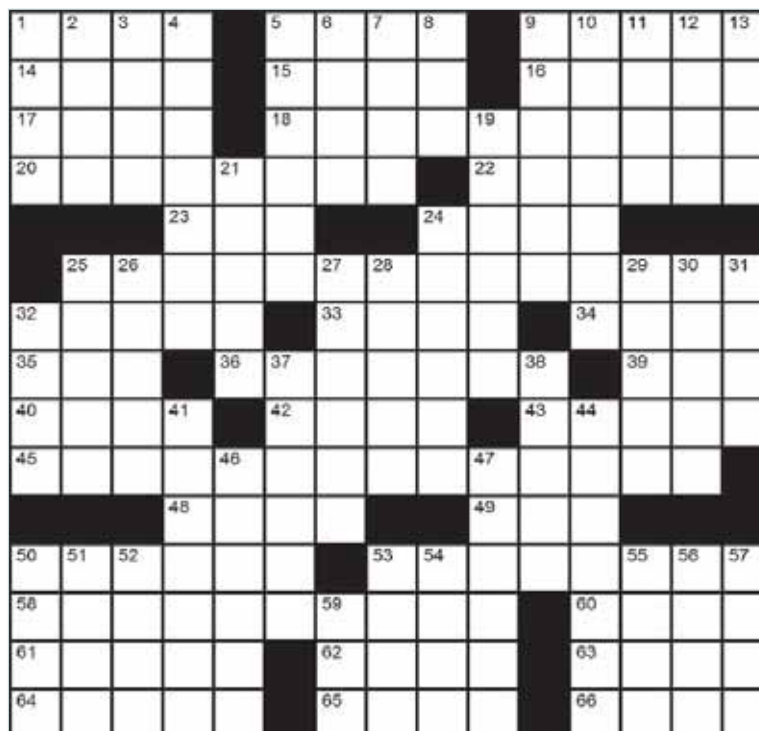
Feb. 20 - March 20

A loved one's words may be jumbled and hard to understand but make the effort anyway because once you "get" the message they are trying to convey, you will see how relevant it is to you. Listen and learn. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Orange covering
5. Shoe type
9. Feigned flattery
14. Interest
15. Famous spy, Mata
16. \_\_\_ (Not difficult school course, in slang)
17. "Say it \_\_\_ so!"
18. 1997 Radiohead album: 2 wds.
20. Cuisine of Quebec: Tourtieres are what?: 2 wds.
22. In jeopardy: 2 wds.
23. Suffix with 'Auction'
24. Unfeigned
25. Beginning of Longfellow's poem Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie... "This is the \_\_\_"
32. Cock-a-doodle-doo time
33. Goo Goo Dolls hit
34. Singer Ms. Mouskouri
35. Switch selections
36. Triangular spicily-stuffed pastries
39. Single
40. Many a moon
42. Ho Chi \_\_\_ City
43. Lazybones
45. Garlic press, and others: 2 wds.
48. Phoned
49. Texter's "Are you serious?!"
50. Happen



53. Band that covered Joni Mitchell's song "This Flight Tonight"
58. Type of agent: 2 wds.
60. Repeat
61. The J. \_\_\_ Band
62. Cosmetics company
63. Actress Ms. Gray

64. Accounting firm, \_\_\_ & Young
  65. Sprightliness
  66. "You \_\_\_ My Battleship!"
- Down**
1. Refined
  2. Informality
  3. Famous volcano

4. \_\_\_ (What 'Flavour' in Canada has that 'Flavor' in The States doesn't)
5. Sunday performers
6. Toronto's water, \_\_\_ Ontario
7. Creatures of folklore
8. Armani fragrance,

- Acqua Di \_\_\_
9. Nose part
10. Ms. McTeer (Wife of 16th Prime Minister Joe Clark)
11. Sparkling wine city of Italy
12. Whiskey grains
13. Mr. Wahlberg
19. Ms. Tomei of

- movies
21. Friends, in slang
24. Country songstress Ms. Yearwood
25. Mushrooms, as examples
26. Commencement
27. "Bad \_\_\_" by Blue Rodeo
28. Pitchfork part
29. Bank safe
30. Author Ms. Rice's
31. Hideaway
32. Drench
37. Betters
38. Greek alphabet's 'S'
41. Monk's manuscripts
44. Donald Sutherland movie, "Six \_\_\_ of Separation" (1993)
46. Most hearty
47. Amounts in egg cartons
50. Cheer on
51. Not ever, poetically
52. Gladly
53. Place for pews
54. Perched on
55. Stockings shade
56. Watered down
57. Use the car's horn
59. Pencil's noise-on-desk sound

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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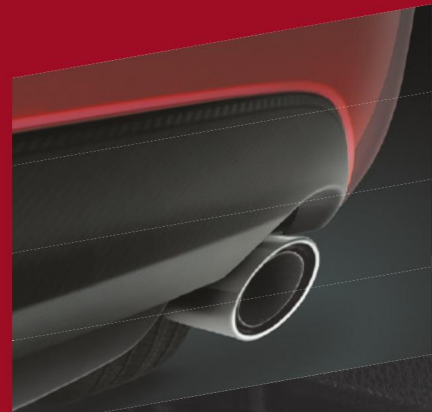




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